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IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO MAY 9, ASST. SECY TODMAN REFERRED TO THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN AMBASSADORS LINOWITZ AND BUNKER AND LOPEZ (REFTEL) CONCERNING THE LATTER'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS A PRIVATE RANSOM PAYMENT. TODMAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE AND INDICATED HE HOPED THIS WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE AMONG COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. PRESIDENT LOPEZ NODDED. PRESIDENT STATED THAT A UK TEAM OF EXPERTS HAD RECENTLY VISITED COLOMBIA TO ADVISE ON TECHNIQUES FOR NEGOTIATING WITH KIDNAPPERS AND TERROISTS. LOPEZ INDICATED HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE GROUP. (THIS IS FIRST WORD WE HAVE HAD ABOUT THEM.)

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